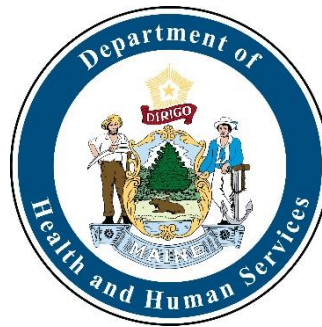


Section 23 Rate Determination Forum

Office of MaineCare Services

November 30, 2022



Agenda

- Introductions – MaineCare Staff
- Rate Determination Process Overview – Jessica Levesque
- Overview of New Service - Jeannette Sedgwick
- Reimbursement Methodology Changes – Dean Bugaj
- Opportunity to Comment – Participants

LD 1867, now PL 2021, Chapter 639

New stand-alone section of Maine law enacted in 2022 codifying process and principles for MaineCare Rate System

1. Sets schedule for regular rate review and adjustment
 - Annual updates to rates benchmarked off Medicare or other payers
 - For non-benchmarked rates:
 - Department annually develops schedule of rate determination for coming year
 - Rates not being re-determined per schedule receive annual cost of living adjustments
2. Ensures review of relevant state and national data to inform rate amounts and payment models, with emphasis on models that promote high value services by connecting reimbursement to performance
3. Formalizes clear and transparent process for rate determination
 - Public notice, public presentation and comment on draft rates, and a public response to comments
 - Establishment of rate system subcommittee to MaineCare Advisory Committee
4. Establishes Technical Advisory Panel

LD 1867, now PL 2021, Chapter 639

On an annual basis, MaineCare will consult with the Rate Reform Expert Technical Advisory Panel (TAP) for input on the Rate Determination Schedule. Once the TAP has been consulted, the Department will:

1. Share the proposed schedule to the Department's public website.
2. Provide a public forum for interested stakeholders to review and provide comment.
3. Provide a summary of comments on the Department's public webpage.
4. Conduct off-schedule rate determinations as the Department determines to be appropriate

Foster Care Comprehensive Evaluation

The rates being presented today include

- **Bundled rates for the initial evaluation** and follow-up and
- **Non-bundled FFS rates for some other services.**

A medically based interdisciplinary comprehensive health evaluation of a child focused on improving the health and mental health status of children in Maine's foster care system.

Completed by a team that includes:

- A board-certified pediatrician, family physician, or pediatric or family nurse practitioner; and
- A clinical psychologist, licensed clinical social worker, or licensed clinical professional counselor.

Practitioners need to be licensed by the State of Maine but need not be organized as a mental health agency.

Foster Care Comprehensive Evaluation

Foster Care Comprehensive Evaluations include the following components:

- Referral and intake
- Medical Exam
 - In-person exam,
 - Record review, and
 - Report generation.
- Psychosocial Evaluation
 - In-person interview with the child and appropriate screens as determined by the evaluator,
 - Record review,
 - Interview with foster parent(s) and other caregivers, and
 - Report generation.
- Follow-up evaluations 6-8 months after completion of the initial evaluation.

Draft Reimbursement Methodology: Bundled Rates

Draft Reimbursement Methodology Bundled Rates:

- Hourly cost based on BLS Data from May 2021
- Inflated by 13.59% based on information from Burns thru June 2023
- Pediatricians increased from last calculation and inflated by 7.4%
- Equation for benefits based on most recent Burns study
- Medical Exam and Report is based on CPT code 99205 \$118.41 per hour

	Time Needed in Hours	Hourly Cost	Total Cost
<u>Initial Bundled Rate encompasses following four services</u>	-	-	<u>\$773.74</u>
Admin Time to Gather History/compile report	2.125	\$30.79	\$87.24
LCSW review report before MD review	0.25	\$39.33	\$13.11
MD time to review report in prep for exam	2	\$132.60	\$353.60
Medical Exam and report	1.75	\$152.77	\$267.35
LCSW psychosocial report prep	1	\$39.33	\$52.44
<u>6-8 Month Follow-Up Bundled Rate encompasses following three services</u>	-	-	<u>\$423.06</u>
Admin Time to Gather History/compile report	1	\$30.79	\$41.05
MD time to review report in prep for exam	1	\$132.60	\$176.80
Medical Exam and report	1	\$152.77	\$152.77
LCSW psychosocial report prep	1	\$39.33	\$52.44

Draft Reimbursement Methodology: Bundled Rates, Cont'd

Wage Assumptions:

- Admin time to gather history – BLS 43-3031 Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks
- LCSW Review report before MD review – BLS 21-1021 Child, Family, and School Social Workers
- MD time to review report in prep for exam – BLS 29-1221 Pediatricians, General
- Value from May 2020 originally inflated to Jan 1, 2022. Inflated further to 6/30/23

Draft Reimbursement Methodology:

Non-Bundled Services

NOT Bundled Rates; i.e., paid off Fee Schedule Services not included in bundled rates and are billed separately	Number of Units	Rate per Unit
Initial Comprehensive Psychosocial Evaluation		
Evaluation with member - first hour - 99354	1	\$88.38
Evaluation with member - additional 30 mins - 99355	2	\$64.15
Evaluation with birth parent - first hour - 99358	1	\$76.51
Evaluation with birth parent - additional 30 minutes - 99359	2	\$37.10
Follow-up at 6-8 months		
Evaluation with member - first hour - 99354	1	\$88.38

Comments

If you wish to make a comment at today's rate forum:

- Use the "Raise Hand" function on your device (see below).
- Leave your hand raised until you are called by the presenter.
- When prompted, please unmute your line.
- Please keep comments to three (3) minutes.
- Lower your hand at the end of your comment.
- The chat is not an official avenue to post a comment or ask a question

To raise your hand:

Internet users will either:

- 1) Select "Reactions" or "Participants" from the meeting controls at the bottom of your screen and then, select "Raise Hand" from the several options that appear inside the Participants panel; **OR**
- 2) Press "Alt+Y" on your computer's keyboard and toggle the Raise Hand option to ON or OFF.

Telephone users will:

- 1) Press *9 on the keypad of your phone.

Reminders

- **Comment deadline December 15, 2022**
- **After the comment period closes, the Department will review and respond to comments**
- **To submit a written comment, email your written comments to:**

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